

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multi-authenticating method also for use in organism authentication, comprising the steps of:

making the organism authentication by using a physical feature of an authentication target and, when a result of said organism authentication indicates an affirmative, thereafter issuing an authenticating medium by which simple and prompt authentication can be made on the assumption that the affirmative result of the organism authentication is obtained wherein said authenticating medium is a personal property of the user of the organism authentication and used as an authentication target;

storing, in a registrant database, authenticating medium validity term data and at least one use authority datum corresponding to a unique registrant identifier;

searching the registrant database, using a registrant database searching unit, for the authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier read from the personal property;—searching data of the personal property and

discriminating whether or not the use of an authenticating personal property apparatus is permitted, using a discriminating unit, on the basis of the authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier read from the personal property, wherein searched data where if the use of the authenticating personal property apparatus is permitted the personal property is

collected by a card collecting unit as said authenticating medium and if the authenticating personal property apparatus is not permitted to be used, the card collecting unit returns the personal property to the user; and

authenticating the authentication target by using said authenticating medium and permitting use of another apparatus in accordance with a result of the authentication by said authenticating medium.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A multi-authenticating system also for use in organism authentication, comprising:

a first authenticating apparatus constructed by an organism authenticating unit which makes the organism authentication by using a physical feature of an authentication target and a medium issuing unit which issues an authenticating medium when a result of said organism authentication indicates an affirmative wherein said authenticating medium is a personal property of the user of the first authenticating apparatus and is used as an authentication target;

a storage unit for storing authenticating medium validity term data and at least one use authority datum corresponding to a unique registrant identifier;

a searching unit receives the issued authenticating medium from the first authenticating apparatus and searches ~~data of~~ the storage unit for the authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier read from the authenticating medium personal property;

an apparatus discriminating unit discriminates whether or not the use of an authenticating medium personal property apparatus is permitted on the basis of the ~~searched data~~ authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier read from the authenticating medium personal property, wherein ~~where~~ if the use of the authenticating medium personal property is permitted the personal property is collected by a card collecting unit as said authenticating medium and if the authenticating medium personal property is not permitted to be used, the card collecting unit returns the personal property to the user; and

a second authenticating apparatus constructed by a medium authenticating unit which authenticates the authentication target by using said authenticating medium and an apparatus control unit which permits use of another apparatus in accordance with a result of the authentication by said authenticating medium.

Claims 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The multi-authenticating system also for use in the organism authentication according to claim 5, wherein said first authenticating apparatus writes all data necessary for subsequent authentication into the personal property of the user of the first authenticating apparatus, and said second authenticating apparatus can solely discriminate whether or not the use of the another apparatus is permitted on the basis of the data obtained from said personal property.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The multi-authenticating method also for use in the

organism authentication according to claim 1, wherein the organism authentication is accompanied in the step of collecting the personal property as said authenticating medium.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The multi-authenticating system also for use in the organism authentication according to claim 5, wherein the organism authenticating unit which makes the organism authentication at the time of the collection of said personal property is provided in a recognizing apparatus having the collecting unit which collects the personal property as said authenticating medium.